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Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division

Solid Waste Management Bureau

29 Hazen Drive

Concord NH 03301

Please be advised of my objections to the proposed permit modification application from Blow Bros. dba Bestway Disposal Services at 43 Industrial Drive, Belmont NH. Changes include increased capacity up to 600 tons of solid waste per day and new authorization of municipal solid waste.

I write as a taxpayer, chairman of the most recent Master Plan adopted by the Belmont Planning Board in 2002 and chairman of the Belmont Heritage Commission.

This location is on Route 140 aka Depot Street – a major regional crossroad – and a principal gateway to the community and Belmont center, a National Register of Historic Places eligible Factory Village District. Since 2010, more than \$2Million has been invested for Village revitalization, including significant federal funds. The American Resource and Recovery Act/ARRA-Stimulus, HUD/Community Development Block Grant improved infrastructure. And a Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) challenge grant helped restore an historic structure, with local taxpayer funds adding sidewalks, roads, parking and interpretive signage to the area.

The proposed larger facility use and capacity is not complementary to any definition of a community gateway, adds to longstanding and unresolved traffic congestion, and could compromise hundreds of agricultural acres farmed for three generations.

Additionally, this use and proposed expansion does not reflect the Master Plan vision for Belmont's future.

Please add these concerns to the substantial environmental risks identified at the Public Hearing of March 26, 2015.

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